or the Centre;

(ix) Anything showing disrespect to the Constitution or advocating change in the Constitution by violence, but advocating changes in a constitutional way should not be debarred.

Salient Features of Advertisement Codes

(a) Advertising shall be so designed as to conform to the laws of the country and should not offend morality, decency and religious susceptibilities of the people;

(b) No advertisement should be permitted which, inter-alia.

(i) tends to incite people to crime, cause disorder or violence, or breach of law or glorifies violence or obscenity in any way;

(ii) presents criminality as desirable;

(iii) in its depiction of women violates the constitutional guarantees to all citizens such as equality of status and opportunity and dignity of the individual. In particular no advertisements shall be permitted which projects a derogatory image of women.

(c) It should be ensured by the advertiser that portrayal of the female form is tasteful an aesthetic and is within the well establish norms of good taste and decency.

Private airlines not adhering to Scheduled Services

*173. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late some private airlines are not adhering to the commitments to operating schedule services to remote and backward areas, particularly, North-East, Jammu and Kashmir and Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) if so, the names of such airlines and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure regular schedule services in all areas by the private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the route dispersal guidelines laid down by the Government, all scheduled operators are required to deploy in the North-East, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshdweep, at least 10% of their capacity deployed on trunk routes. Action is taken against the defaulting airlines who fail to adhere to the said guidelines.

Recently M/s Modiluft, M/s Sahara India Airlines and M/s East West Airlines operations were cut on trunk routes to ensure compliance with these guidelines and M/s NEPC operated flights in lieu of flights to Agatti cancelled due to bad weather.

(c) Instructions have been issued to all the operators not to alter/modify or cancel flights from the schedule approved by the DGCA without obtaining latter's prior permission in writing. In case of any violation of the prescribed guidelines, necessary action is initiated by the DGCA against the operator under the Aircraft Act. 1934 and the rules framed thereunder.

Supply of Spurious and Outdated Medicines in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi

*174. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious and outdated medicines are being supplied in Safdarjung Hospitals, New Delhi, to the patients both indoor and outdoor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one such case was detected is this hospital during first week of October, 1996 as reported in the Hindustan Times of 14th October, 1996—Delhi edition;

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken against the suppliers and concerned officials for accepting these spurious and outdated medicines; and

(d) what steps are being taken to stop repetition of this practice in this hospital as well as other hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) No spurious and outdated medicine has been administered to any patients in the Safdarjung Hospital. However, fungus like material was detected in a deformed bottle of Sodium Chloride and Dextrose Injection on 11.10.1996.

(c) and (d) A Committee has been set up in Directorate General of Health Services to enquire into the purchase procedure; storage and supply systems, observance of precautions in the use of IV Fluids in the hospitals and to suggest remedial measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

Survey in Andhra Pradesh to Identify districts Facing Iodine Deficiency Problems

*175. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in Andhra Pradesh to identify the districts facing iodine deficiency disorder problems;

(b) whether any action was initiated/ proposed to control iodine deficiency disorder related problems in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether it will be done to identify the problematic districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes Sir. All the seven districts surveyed in the State have shown high prevalence of Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh. The programme includes IDD surveys, supply of iodated salt in place of common salt, health education to increase public awareness etc. The State Government has issued ban on the sale of non-iodised salt in 7 districts of the State Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Cell has been established in the State Health Directorate. The State Government has been advised to extend the ban notification to the entire State.

Non-Cashing of Cheques of Cooperative Institutions

*176. SHRI S.B. CHAVAN:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the recent past several thousand cheques drawn on banks by cooperative institutions cannot be cashed for want of cash;

(b) whether several persons including M.Ps have complained to the RBI about this;

(c) what is the reason for this kind of situation; and

(d) what remedial measures Government are contemplating and in what time?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they are not aware that several thousand cheques drawn on banks by cooperative institutions could not be encashed for want of cash.

(b) According to RBI, some